

ELINOR WONDERS WHY CHARACTER BREAKDOWN

Character Count	Character Name	Animal Type	Relationship	Characteristics
1	Elinor	Rabbit	Main Character	<p>Precocious little bunny rabbit with seemingly boundless energy to explore and learn interesting things</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Silly and is not afraid to voice her opinion. - Has a super power: the power of observation. - Catchphrases: "That is SO interesting!" "We need MORE observation" - She likes to charge ahead and is very excited to try things out. - She is a very positive character; but we tend to only see one note from her? - Elinor could be very focused - She is unwilling to move on from things when she doesn't have the answer - She could ask too many questions - Would be good to have her be the one having the problem, or the emotional stakes. - We could leave her alone sometimes - See how she reacts to things on her own, Or push her in new directions - Sometimes she comes off as very naïve and other times more precocious very knowledgeable and mature. We like when she acts like a regular kid, which is relatable to the kids at home. - Also she can make jokes and be FUNNY!

2	Olive	Elephant	Elinor's Best Friend	<p>Olive is also one of Elinor's best friends. She has a warm and generous personality, and is very perceptive about others. She loves books and is the best reader in the group. She also has an excellent memory, so she often has a useful tidbit of information to share with the group. Olive loves mysteries (she will often say "Sounds like a mystery!"). She loves being the note-taker in the group. She likes to organize their thoughts and think carefully, often laying the groundwork for Elinor or Ari to make an interesting connection. Olive's trunk is very flexible and useful. Since her hands don't have very dexterous fingers, she uses her trunk to make gestures, and to hold or manipulate things like a crayon or a fork. Olive is a bit of a picky eater. She writes observations about the food she eats in a little notebook.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - She loves books and is the best reader in the group. She also has an excellent memory. - She loves bananas - Need to think about her catchphrase "I like that word" "I read that in a book" "Dun dun dunnn...sounds like a mystery" - Olive can read books, her bookishness makes her cool, - Several examples of this throughout the series - Olive is physically more adept than the others – can ride a bike and roller-skate - Olive can have funny lines too!! Her science theories can be hilarious and kid-like - She can be very naïve when she's really into something, like most kids - She has a soft spot for the environment and nature.
3	Ari	Bat	Elinor's Best Friend	<p>Fun sense of humor and a dramatic personality. He makes a lot of silly jokes (especially puns, often ending a scene or episode with a funny line), and isn't afraid to be the center of attention or to make himself look a bit silly. He has a corny sense of humor and fondness for bad puns.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Only Ari has siblings (Baby Miri) - Ari is not complicated - He's physical and funny - He knows what he likes - Adventurous - Ridiculous at times - Possible catchphrases "How cool is that?" "I meant to do that."

4	Mz. Mole	Mole	School Teacher	<p>Has been in the classroom longer than anyone can remember, but she hasn't lost her energy for teaching. She is quirky and well-versed in a child's sense of humor. Her sense of humor is on the goofy side; she likes to be silly to put the children at ease and make them feel comfortable.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Enthusiastic, - Hilarious, - Independent, encourages kids to be the same - Likes to play gentle jokes on her class, - Loves teaching - GREAT voice actor - Wears glasses - Lives Underground
5	Ranger Rabbit	Rabbit	Elinor's Mother	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The town's head Park Ranger, - A good leader in the community. - Knows about the importance of listening and being considerate of the needs of others. - Great Mom, gets up at night to explore - Busy professional, is in charge of the Park - Knows a lot about nature, part of her job - Let's the kids make their own mistakes
6	Mr Rabbit	Rabbit	Elinor's Father	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Natural, thoughtful, but fun with a bit of sarcasm and "dad" jokes. - Loves to nap - Tells Dad jokes - Loves being a Dad - Definitely into science. - Not sure about his profession, stay at home Dad? Finding himself? He makes nature comic books?
7	Koa	Koala	Elinor's Friend	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Very relaxed. - Laid back surfer koala - Funny! - Deep thinker - Very dry, he takes a lot of pauses and beats.
8	Ashley	Bear	Elinor's Friend	Sweet, considerate and sporty.

9	Rollie	Armadillo	Elinor's Friend	Enthusiastic
10	Medhi	Fox	Elinor's Friend	<p>Quiet and polite kid, likes to help others.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Not fully developed yet - North Africa Desert Fox - Could be culturally different than the other kids - Sees things differently than the rest of the kids
11	Seku	Meerkat	Elinor's Friend	Loves playing sports. If it involves a ball and running around, he's in.
12	Miro	Platypus	Elinor's Friend	Aussie kid. Fearless and unafraid.
13	Tito	Mouse	Elinor's Friend	<p>Tito is hyper charged and excited, talks slightly fast</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Overactive kid in class - Easily excited - Infectious laugh
14	Sally Beaver	Beaver	Elinor's Friend	<p>is very shy and quiet but she is an amazing builder and can rig up incredible things in a flash, carving them with her teeth.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Timid, outwardly, but inside she's a big maker of things - Could be a little bit younger than Elinor, - Doesn't know as much as other kids sometimes - Loves to make things.
15	Mary	Goat Twins	Elinor's Friend	<p>Are a little strange. They are cheerful but often startle people when they finish each other's sentences or appear out of the blue.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Odd - A little bit of know-it-alls - Energetic

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17	Javier	Moose	Elinor's Friend	quiet, thoughtful but happy
18	Camilla	Dromedary	Elinor's Friend	Camilla likes to think of her herself as sophisticated. She's a little bit of a princess, but still fun. - Flamboyant and dramatic - The actor of the group - Needs attention - Has a chip on her shoulder, or since she's a camel, a hump on her shoulder?
19	Sheila	Aardvark		Slightly eccentric and loopy kid.
20	Mr Cat	Cat		Nervous and particular.
21	Hippo Mom	Hippopotamus		Dramatic, self-important
22	Hippo Kid	Hippopotamus		
23	Bodie	Hippopotamus	Elinor's Friend	Good natured, loves snowboarding and skateboarding.
24	Deputy Jack Mouse	Mouse	Town Deputy	Gruff, no-nonsense, and slightly grumpy, but with a warm heart inside. - Ranger Rabbit's Deputy - Gruff and sometimes grumpy. - He cares about the community. - Often runs out of patience with the town animals.
25	Alejandro	Possum	Elinor's Friend	Streetwise kid, slightly older than our regular cast.
26	Miri	Bat	Ari's Little Sister	Ari's baby sister, happy active little bat. - About 10 months old - Rug Rat - Pre-verbal - Adores Ari - Has an infectious laugh

27	Senor Tapir	Tapir	Crooner	A traveling musical instrument salesman. He is a gentle soul who loves to play music and tell stories through song.
28	Mrs Beaver	Beaver	Sally Beavers Mom	Intense, high energy, capable of incredible wood-carving. - In charge of construction in Animal Town - Works for Ranger Rabbit - VERY busy, could be a "distracted" parent - Often gets Sally to help out (which she loves)
29	Silas	Cheetah	Elinor's Friend	Shy, quiet but with an edge of silliness. He is the fastest kid in town. He will often appear, make a short comment or touch something and then dash off immediately in a puff of dust.
30	Ms Elephant	Elephant	Olive's Mom	She is outgoing, not shy, fun, chatty, caring bordering on doting. - Could be a single Mom (so that's why we don't call her Mrs.?) - Can she be a hippy? She attended Woodstock? - Obsessed with horoscopes?
31	Mr Bat	Bat	Ari's Dad	Likes the simple things in life, especially quiet time reading the newspaper. Warm-hearted, not very outdoorsy. Like Mrs. bat, slightly bohemian. - Helpful nice Dad - Let's Ari not take a bath – smart enough to know sometimes you have to let kids make their own mistakes
32	Mrs Bat	Bat	Ari's Mom	Slightly bohemian, patient and a good sense of humor, firecracker inside.
33	Ms. Llama	Llama	Owns the Fruit Stand	Llama is outspoken, dramatic, fun and has a voice. She likes to think of herself as a gourmet chef, under-appreciated by the locals. She loves to feed the town kids good food. - Has a fruit/veggie cart. Makes her own ketchup
34	Mr Raccoon	Raccoon	Owns the Bakery	Gregarious and warm hearted. The kids like him. - Runs the bakery - Likes to advertise
35	Mr Pig	Pig		
36	Mr Moose	Moose		
37	Mr Horse	Horse		

38	Mr Dog	Dog	Ari's Neighbor	He's just a warm and friendly neighbor - Ari's neighbor - Bachelor? - Friendly guy, expressive ears - Likes things put in their place
39	Mr Buffalo	Buffalo	Works with Mrs Beaver	
40	Lamb Triplet 1	Lamb	Elinor's Friend	
41	Lamb Triplet 2	Lamb	Elinor's Friend	
42	Lamb Triplet 3	Lamb	Elinor's Friend	
43	Farmer Bear	Bear	Runs the Farm	Strong personality. Tough but likes to laugh. Farmer! - Also manages the forest, lumber yard, taps maple trees - Sometimes has parties and festivals on her Farm (Tomato Fest, Maple Fest)
44	Mr Hamster	Hamster	Substitute Teacher	Mr. Hamster is really nice and a capable teacher, but a bit on the nervous side and not super confident.
45	Martha Cow	Cow	Towns Person	lives alone and has a house full of pets. She is very in touch with Nature. Her pets are lizards and birds (and a few bugs). She loves taking care of animals and is very excited whenever Elinor and friends come visit.
46	Ari's Cousin	Bat	Ari's Cousin	Girl bat, just a normal sweet girl

47	Ms Gee Raffe	Giraffe	One of Ranger Rabbit's Deputies	<p>Joe's partner Ms. Raffe's neck is so long, we often only hear what she says from above off-screen. Ranger's Office's number cruncher (she knows all of the town's statistics). Has a dry sense of humor. Funny would like to see more of her</p>
48	Bibi (Grandma)	Rabbit	Elinor's Grandma	<p>Mr. Rabbits Mother. She is like an older Elinor, but a little quirkier. Excited and curious tempered by age and wisdom - Loves science, taught Elinor her catchphrases. - Retired scientist? - Lives in the desert</p>
49	Baba (Grandpa)	Rabbit	Elinor's Grandpa	<p>He is like an older Mr Rabbit. Gregarious and kind and sharp. - Lives in the desert with BiBi</p>
50	Mr Hippo	Hippopotamus	Owns store in town	<p>Runs the General Store. Helpful, loves to help people find what they need. Knows where every single item in his store is and how much it costs. - Maybe has a swimming hole in his living room?</p>
51	Mr Beaver	Beaver	Owns a Factory in Town	<p>A craftsman nerd. He loves to nerd out about making stuff. - Runs paper mill - Loves wood chips. - Very very busy</p>
52	Mr. Antelope	Antelope	Works in the Library.	<p>He is a joyful twenty something male antelope. He is a bit silly, loves books and love his job helping people.</p>
53	Philbert	Squirrel	Elinor's Friend	<p>New kid (not anymore) Friendly, encouraging to others. Likes to be the audience Maybe a little older? 7? Not in their class Upspeaks sometimes – everything is a question? Very nimble</p>
54	Lola	Koala	Koa's Older Sister	<p>Koa's sister, age 12 Great roller-skater. Cool Olive looks up to her Has older kid wisdom</p>